

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Forest Department – Allegation of Irregularities in Sales conducted on 21-02-2006 at Government Timber Depot, Rajahmundry against Sri S. Sreerama Murthy, Forest Range Officer(Retd.), Logging Division, Rajahmundry - Inquiry finalized and findings received - Imposition of penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of six years - Show-Cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.85

Dated: 29-10-2014
Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.9000/2006/ PXA1, dt.28.02.06, 29-7-2006 & 21-2-2007
2. G.O.Rt.No.190, EFS&T(For.IV) Dept, dt:19-4-2012.
3. From the Inquiring authority, D.O.Lr.No.153/COA/AS/2012, dt:23-11-12.
4. Govt. Memo.No.2590/For.IV/A1/2006-6, dt:12-12-12.
5. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.9000/2006/K3,dt:23-5-2013.
6. Govt.Memo.No.2590/for.IV/A1/2006, dt:15-6-2013.
7. From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.9000/2006/K3, dt:2-7-2013.
8. Govt.Memo.No.2590/For.IV/A1/2006-10, Dt.7-1-2014.
9. Further defence statement of Sri S. Sreerama Murthy, FRO(Retd.), dt. 28.01.2014.
10. Govt. Lr. No. 2590/For.IV/A1/2006-13, dt. 02.05.2014 and 22.09.2014.
11. From the Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 865/RT/2/2014, dt.15.10.2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri S. Sreerama Murthy, Forest Range Officer (Retd), formerly Logging Division, Rajahmundry along with other forest subordinate, u/r 20 of APSCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and Article of Charges were issued vide Ref. No.9 000/2006/PXA1, dt:19-7-2006 on the following count:

Article-1:- That he with mala-fide conduct for personal monetary gain had actively connived with Sri T. Sai Shankar, the then Divisional Forest Officer, Logging division, Rajahmundry and worked against the Government interest by collecting 1/4th sale amount for the reduced and manipulated bid amounts during the sales held on 21-2-2006 in GTD, Rajahmundry causing loss to a tune of Rs.1,88,700/- to the Government.

Article 2:- Criminal breach of trust and neglect of duty in violating sale procedures and in deviating from the General sale conditions which resulted in a loss of Rs.87,750/- to the Government.

Thus he has failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to duty and exhibited conduct un-becoming of a Govt. Employee in violation of Rule 3 of A.P.C.S.(Conduct) Rules, 1964

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the receipt of Article of Charges and submitted his explanation. Not satisfying with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the matter has been entrusted to the Commissioner of Inquiries.

3. After conducting inquiry, the Inquiring Authority, i.e., General Administration (COI-AS) Department, has furnished the findings concluding that the charges framed against Sri S. Sreerama Murthy, Forest Range Officer (Retd), Logging Division, Rajahmundry are held proved. The findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries were communicated to the Charged Officer, vide Prl. CCF's Rc.No.9000/2006/K-II/1, dated.19-12-2012 and the charged officer has submitted his further defense denying the conclusion arrived by the Inquiry Authority.

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4. The Charged Officer has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.9.2006. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

5. After careful examination of the matter with reference to the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries, remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests and material made available, Government observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer are held proved and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of six years on the Charged Officer Sri S. Sreerama Murthy, Forest Range Officer (Retd.), under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. Accordingly, a Show Cause Notice was issued to the retired Charged Officer vide reference 8th read above and the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation to the Show Cause Notice through the reference 9th read above in which he has not put forth any new points except reiteration of his earlier version. The concurrence of Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained vide reference 11th read above.

6. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 20% cut in pension for a period of (6) years against Sri S. Sreerama Murthy, Forest Range Officer (Retd), formerly Logging Division, Rajahmundry under rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:

The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Hyderabad, A.P.
The Secretary(FAC), A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad (with ref. to
Lr. No. 865/RT/2/2014, Dt: 15.10.2014)
Sf./Sc.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER